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CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FOR TRIBALS AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any scheme of the Government to promote participation of tribals in development of waste land and community afforestation so as to provide them employment; .

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any separate provision is being made for construction of community buildings in tribal areas and development of tribal villages; and

(d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three area development programmes namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) on watershed basis in the country. For selection of watersheds, emphasis is laid on those areas which are having large population of scheduled caste/ scheduled tribes dependent on it. The objectives of programmes inter alia include employment generation, poverty alleviation, community empowerment and development of human and other economic resources of the rural areas and activities aim to restore ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing natural resources i.e. land, water, vegetative cover especially plantations. Though these programmes are not exclusively for tribals, when implemented in tribal areas, they result in employment generation for the tribals.

(c) & (d) There is no separate provision for construction of community buildings in tribal areas and for development of tribal villages. However, under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, 50% of the allocation of the Panchayati Raj Institutions is required to be spent in Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe habitations for creation of need based infrastructure.